

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINDING
THAT REMOVAL OF THE ELEVATED MASS TRANSIT STRUCTURE
IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority is undertaking an Urban Renewal Project (hereinafter called the "Project"), for an area in the City of Boston known as the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area (hereinafter called the "Project Area"), and in this connection has undertaken surveys and planning for that Area with financial assistance from the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Federal Government (hereinafter called the "HHFA"), under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and has applied for financial assistance under said Title I for a Loan and Grant Contract (hereinafter called the "Application") to carry out such Project;

WHEREAS, some of the real property within the Project Area is presently occupied by certain transit facilities of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (hereinafter called "MBTA facilities"), located at and above ground level, including in particular that portion of the Forest Hills-Everett rapid transit line, entering the Project Area from an elevated structure across the Charles River on the upper level of the Charlestown Bridge, proceeding along Main Street via an elevated structure, and passing through Sullivan Square, together with all stations and other facilities used in connection therewith;

WHEREAS, such MBTA facilities are noisy and unsightly, depress real estate values, interfere with commercial, residential, and street and highway system development, and have a blighting effect on the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, HHFA is prepared to recognize as part of site improvement costs in the Authority's Application, the moving of such transit facilities located within the Project Area and at Sullivan

Square to a new route within the Project Area, and to a limited degree, outside of such Project Area as may be required by such relocation;

WHEREAS, the Authority has included \$12 million in the Project Expenditures Budget as part of its Application to pay for such site improvement costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED:

That the expenditure of \$12 million for the removal of the MBTA facilities is essential to the development of this Project, and that the Project cannot proceed, nor can its purposes be accomplished, unless the MBTA facilities are moved.